

REMARKS

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed on October 1, 2002. Upon entrance of the amendments set out above, Claims 25-34, 36-45 remain pending in this application.

The Examiner objected to the specification because the preliminary amendment referred to Figure 6, which was not included in the preliminary amendment. The Examiner rejected Claims 25-44 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 36 and 42 were rejected under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite. Claim 34 was rejected as being anticipated. Claims 36, 37-39 and 45 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a). Response is hereby made to these rejections.

The Examiner objected to the specification because new Figure 6 was referred to in the preliminary amendment, but not included with the preliminary amendment. Figure 6 is included herewith. Accordingly, this objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 25-44 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-23 of US Patent No. 6239407, Claims 1-23 of US Patent No. 6002103, and Claims 1-24 of US Patent No. 5601741. A terminal disclaimer is enclosed herewith. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 36 and 42 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 36 has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the converter. Claim 42 has been amended to depend from claim 41. Accordingly, these rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 34 was rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Turbitt (3025388). Claim 34 has been amended to include the "boost converting" feature of claim 35. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 34 is now allowable.

Claims 37-39 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Turbitt in view of Karino. Given the

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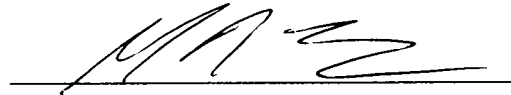
amendment to claim 34, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims should now be allowed.

Claim 45 was also rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Turbitt or Karino. The "boost converting" feature of claim 35 has been added to claim 45. Accordingly, claim 45 should now be allowed.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application should be allowed. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned below if it will aid in the prosecution of this application.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

Respectfully Submitted

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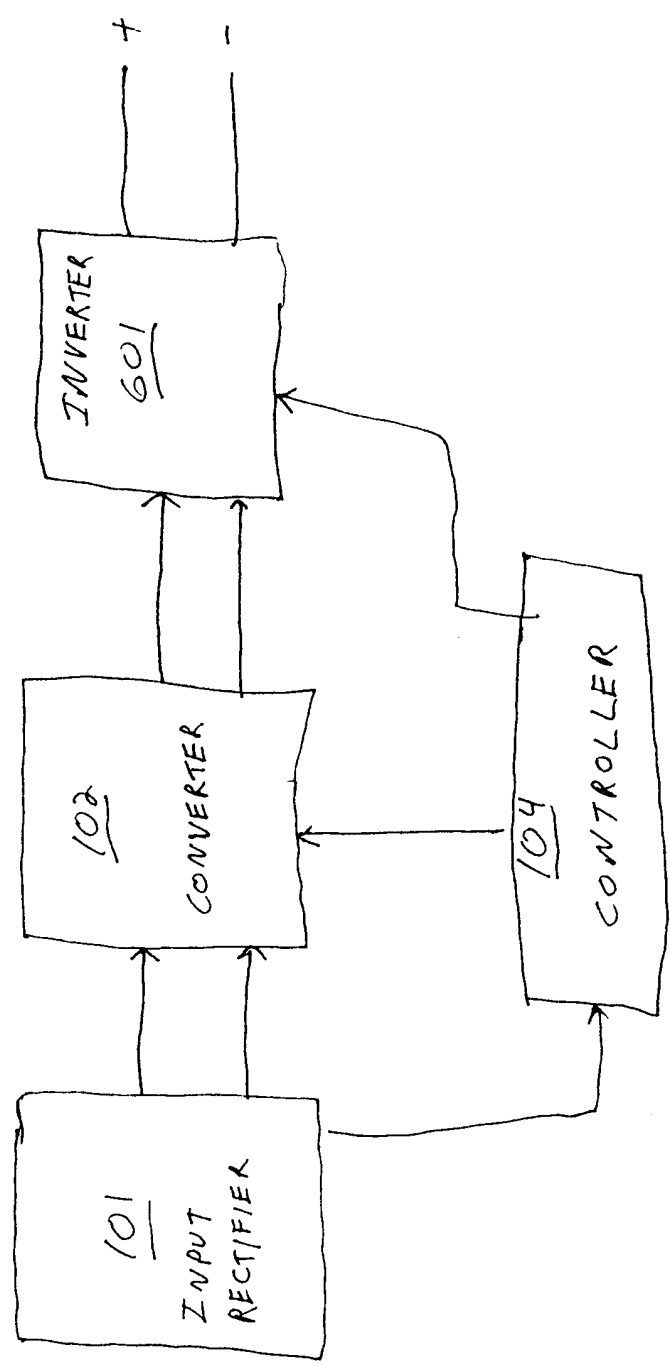
1 34. (Amended) A method of providing a welding,
2 cutting or heating current, comprising:
3 boost converting and power factor correcting an ac
4 input signal to a second ac signal; and
5 changing the second ac signal into a third signal
6 having a current suitable for welding, cutting or heating.

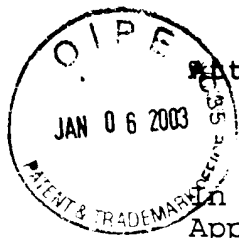
1 36. (Amended) The method of claim 34 further
2 including providing control signals to [the] a converter.

1 42. (Amended) The apparatus of claim [42] 41, wherein
2 the output means includes a pulse width modulator.

1 45. (Amended) A weldment or metal cut formed by a
2 process which comprises:
3 boost converting and power factor correcting an ac
4 input signal to a second ac signal; and
5 changing the second ac signal into a third signal
6 having a current suitable for welding or cutting.

FIGURE 6





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In A Welding Power Source

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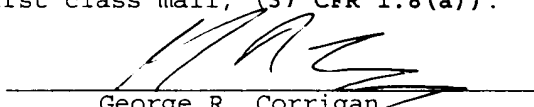
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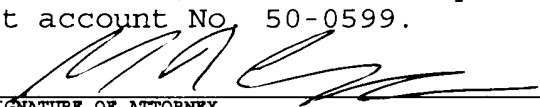
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